action plan to meet the effluent and emission standards for the polluting industries;

5. Fiscal incentives are being provided for installation of pollution control equipment andi!so for the shifting polluting industries from the congested areas.

6. Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up.

(d) Does not arise.

**Statements**

*Statewise number of National ambient Air quality monitoring stations (as on March* 31, 1993)

| State | Sanctioned Stations |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 12 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 02 |
| Assam | 05 |
| Bihar | 12 |
| Goa | 02 |
| Gujprat | 23 |
| Haryana | 08 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 08 |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 02 |
| Karnataka | 14 |
| Kerala | 16 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 24 |
| Maharashtra | 26 |
| Manipur. | 02 |
| Meghalaya | 02 |
| Mizoram | 02 |
| Nagaland | 02 |
| Orissa | 08 |
| Punjab | 12 |
| Rajasthan | 19 |
| Tamil Nadu | 16 |
| Tripura | 02 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 38 |
| West Bengal | 14 |
| Union Territories | |
| Chandigarh | 03 |
| Daman & Diu | 02 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 02 |
| Delhi | 09 |
| Pondicherry | 03 |
| TOTAL | 290 |

**Providing space for animals in Zoos**

5601. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of the 314 zoos in the country are in a pathetic State, with inadequate housing for the animals and little attention to hygiene; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that zoos have adequate space and finances since they have an important environmental and educational role of play ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) It is true that in many of the zoos in the country, there is scope for improv-ment in hosusing, hygiene, sanitation and,, upkeep of animals.

(b) Zoos in India are managed by different authorities, including State Govts., trusts, societies, individuals, etc. Raising of financial resources for maintenance of the zoos is primarily the responsibility of their respective management authorities. However, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) established by the Central Government in February, 1992. provideds limited assistance to recognised zoos for technical and scientific development on the basis of plans approved by the CZA.

**Eco-Development Plan**

5602. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment and Forests have drawn up a grandios

eco-development plan to garner funds for global environment facility;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a similar proposal for GEF was rejected in 1992;

(c) if so, what were the reasons of its rejection ; and

(d) what are the new facts of the present proposal for GEF with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Ministry is drawing up a practical and comprehensive Plan to pose projects under the GEF.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Pollution created by Bihar Caustic and Chemicals Limited**

5603. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar Caustic and Chemicals Limited, situated in Palamu district of Bihar, has floated all the existing provisions on environmental protection;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is polluting the land, water and air through the regular discharge of sodium hydroxide, leakage of chlorine, release of hydrochloric acid vapours in the air an dumping of mercury waste in the ground, thereby affecting health of the people in the area; and

(c) if so, what steps, if any, Government intend to take to ensure the compliance with en-viornmental regulation to save the ecology and people of Palamu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Bihar State Pollution Control Board has reported that as per its directions, necessary pollution control measures have been taken by the unit, and that presently there is no significant pollution problem. The Bihar Board has also reported that BCCL have first stage and second stage hypo towers for absorption of chlorine. Any hydro-chloric acid in the effluent is removed by neutralization. Such escaping of HCL in the effluent has been very much reduced by improving the plan operation. Mercury sludge is stored in pucca pit Which is bottom sealed to avoid any seepage or percolation in the ground water.

(c) Does not arise.

**Denotification of Dandeli sanctuary in Karnataka**

5604. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIORNMENT AND FORESTS be pleased i to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dandeli Game Sanctuary in the Dakshina Karada district of Karnataka has been denotified and its area reduced;

(b) whether Government are aware that such a step will lead to deforestation in the name of collecting dead wood; and

(c) if so, what steps, if any, are being taken by Government to prevent the illegal felling of trees in the denotified area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) It is reported by the Chief Wildlife Warden of Karnataka that a proposal for reduction of the area of the Dandeli